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E. P. Nicholson Captain, US Navy Commanding Officer Department of the Navy Naval Weapons Station Earl Colts Neck, New Jersey 07722 - 5000

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Dear Captain Nicholson:

RE: Trial Burn Plan for Demilitarization Furnace, Naval Weapons Station Earl, Colts Neck, Monmouth County, EPA ID NO. NJ 017 002 2172

A meeting was held by representatives of NWSE, NJDEP and USEPA in Trenton on May 3, 1988 to discuss the Notice of Deficiencies of the trial burn plan for the Demilitarization Furnace that NWSE submitted on October 27, 1987, and establish a time frame to achieve a complete trial burn application so that a permit for implementation can be issued with minimum delay.

It was agreed in the meeting, by NWSE, that response to the Notice of Deficiencies of the trial burn plan for Demilitarization Furnace, issued by the Department on March 15, 1988, will be submitted by July 1, 1988 to NJDEP.

The Bureau proposes the following time frame for processing your facility's Trial Burn Permit for Demilitarization Furnace and final decision for the issuance/denial of a permit:

- 1. NJDEP to conduct review and issue additional notice of deficiency, if required, after receipt of response due July 1, 1988, within 30 days of its receipt. NWSE to submit any additional information required by October 1, 1988.
- 2. NJDEP to determine technical completeness of Trial Burn Plan within 30 days of receipt of all necessary information. Trial Burn Plan to be technically complete by November 1, 1988.

- 3. NJDEP complete draft permit, circulate draft permit to NWSE, EPA and DEQ after receipt of all comments from these agencies. Issue final trial burn permit by March 1, 1989.
- 4. NWSE complete trial burn by July 1, 1989; and submit trial burn results by August 1, 1989.
- 5. NJDEP issuance or denial of Incinerator Permit by November 1, 1989.

It is a Congressional deadline under RCRA Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA) that requires EPA/NJDEP to issue or deny all incinerator permits by November 8, 1989. In order to meet the November 1989 deadline for permit issuance, it is imperative that a trial burn plan be completed by November 1, 1988.

NWSE will be expected to conform to the milestone schedule mentioned above for permitting the incinerator. The facility is advised to plan ahead and arrange for all necessary (financial) appropriation needed to implement the trial burn and permitting requirements in order to meet indicated deadline.

If you have any questions, please contact Sunila Agrawal of my staff at (609) 292-9880.

Very truly yours,

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